

REMARKS

Claims 14-26 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

The Examiner objected to the drawings “because the drawings do not show sectional lines in Figure 2 to indicate the location of the cross-sectional view shown in the [sic] Figure 3.” Office Action at page 2. In view of the amendment to Figure 2, Applicants submit that this objection has been obviated.

Claims 14-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by European Published Patent Application No. WO97/38223 to Sato et al. (“Sato”). In order to anticipate a claim, a reference must identically show every limitation in the claim. Claims 14, 25, and 26 recite that the first and second feeder layers are made of “an electrically conducting ceramic material.” The Examiner asserts that wires 9a and 9b meet the recited first and second feeder layers, but Sato states that these wires are made of the metal tungsten. Therefore, since the elements believed by the Examiner to meet the first and second feeder layers are made of a metal, they are not made of a ceramic. Therefore, Sato does not anticipate claims 14, 25, and 26 (or any of their dependent claims). Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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